



# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

**Today's Date:** February 4, 2019 at 10:00 am

**District:** 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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**\*\*UPDATE #5--TRAFFIC ADVISORY\*\***

## **CALTRANS CLOSURE OF HWY. 1 AT MUD CREEK/PAUL'S SLIDE TO CONTINUE THROUGH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

MONTEREY COUNTY — Caltrans has received **confirmation** from National Weather Service (NOAA) data that a significant storm will continue in the areas of Mud Creek (PM 8.9) and Paul's Slide (PM 21.6) on State Route 1 in the Big Sur area over the next 24 hours. The previously announced highway closure will continue today between Ragged Point (SLO PM 72.87) to Gorda (MON PM 10.12). **The Highway 1 closure, for traveler safety, will include the areas of Mud Creek and Paul's Slide and will remain closed today, Monday, Feb. 4 until further notice. SEE ATTACHED CLOSURE MAP.**

Storm activity is currently forecast through Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

**Businesses along the Big Sur Coast on Hwy. 1 remain open and are accessible via Hwys. 101, 68 and 46.**

Caltrans' Geotech, Maintenance and Construction units are on call and prepared to inspect/clean up when the storm ends during the daylight hours and it is safe to be onsite again—we currently anticipate this to be **Tuesday, Feb. 5th**. Caltrans' goal is to open the roadway as quickly and safely as possible and our staff remains on-call 24/7.

The gates on **either side of Mud Creek and Paul's Slide will be key locked**. These gates will not be manned when the highway is closed and there will be no access to anyone, including Emergency Services or Caltrans employees until a proper assessment can be made and any necessary cleanup has been completed.

**An update will be provided Tuesday, Feb. 5th during the afternoon hours or sooner.**

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